

TO EXPRESS COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR CONVEYANCE  
OF THE FORMER CITY HALL BUILDING TO THE BLOOMINGTON AREA ARTS COUNCIL  
FOR USE AS A COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

- WHEREAS, many other communities, realizing the enormous social and cultural benefits, have developed community arts centers; and
- WHEREAS, Bloomington has among its residents a unique abundance of artistic talent of all ages in both the performing and visual arts; and
- WHEREAS, the City's vitality and excellence in music, theater, literature and the fine arts have made Bloomington a cultural center of Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, the Common Council supports the notion that the City should devote itself to the ideal that Bloomington will continue to nurture an environment which will be enhanced by the richness and creativity of our art; and
- WHEREAS, the City owns the former City Hall building at the corner of Walnut and Fourth Streets; and
- WHEREAS, the former City Hall building is a structure of historical and architectural significance, and has remained vacant for four years; and
- WHEREAS, Bloomington's downtown area is currently undergoing an economic and architectural revitalization; and
- WHEREAS, renovation of the former City Hall building into a community arts center would provide facilities for community arts and encourage their growth, would renovate an historically significant and currently vacant building in the downtown area, and would add a new component to the downtown revitalization while attracting people from Bloomington and elsewhere to our downtown both during the daytime and evening hours;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

The Common Council expresses its support for renovation of the former City Hall building for use as a community arts center. This Resolution also indicates the Council's intent to approve conveyance or lease of the former City Hall building to the Bloomington Area Arts Council for renovation and operation as a community arts center, provided that this conveyance is accomplished by deed with a reverter clause or by lease for a nominal annual sum. Common Council approval is contingent upon the Bloomington Area Arts Council's showing of financial commitment to the project by the end of the 1989 calendar year. BAAC's financial commitment shall be demonstrated by pledges (based on a reasonable projection of pledge collection), donations, loans or grants in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of renovating and furnishing the former City Hall building which the BAAC's February 1989 proposal estimated at \$750,000.00. These funds shall be used to renovate and furnish the former City Hall building as a community arts center. In the event there are surplus funds after renovation and furnishing are completed in accordance with the February 1989 proposal, the surplus may be used for operating expenses. Additionally, an acceptable financial plan covering the annual operating expenses of a community arts center shall be submitted and approved before conveyance or lease of the building occurs.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 19 day of April, 1989.

  
JAMES C. REGESTER, President  
Bloomington Common Council

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 20 day of April, 1989.

Tomilea Allison

TOMILEA ALLISON, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

ATTEST:

Patricia Williams

PATRICIA WILLIAMS, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution, co-sponsored by Councilmembers Pam Service and John Fernandez, indicates the Common Council's intent to approve conveyance of the former City Hall building to the Bloomington Area Arts Council for renovation and operation as a community arts center.